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TO : Assistant Director for Operations
FROM : Foreign Documents Branch
SUBJECT: Monthly Narrative Report

DATE: 3 Dec 48

1. Item I a and II e and f are considered of particular interest.

I a - appeared in last
month's report, consequently
have omitted it -

II f - boiled down; ICI does,
not need to know details

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I. Implementation of Recently Proposed Plans

a. Suspension of Publication-Periodical Abstracts, Bibliographies

Pending approval of recommendations forwarded in a memo to the Director Central Intelligence, FDB has suspended the publication of Periodical Abstracts and Bibliographies.

b. Air Force Requirements

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As a result of discussions held with Air Force representatives with regard to the [] Project, Foreign Documents Branch has been provided with a detailed statement of the requirements of the Air Intelligence Division for information from publications on strategic areas.

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e. Translation of SO Documents

Tentative arrangements have been made for translation of documents of interest to ORE which have been acquired from OSO.

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f. Procurement Officer Briefing

At the request of CIA Library, FDB is drawing up a statement of requirements for the briefing of procurement officers in implementing the purchase of foreign language publications under a blanket allotment.

II. Accomplishments

a. State Department German Collection

FDB is presently surveying the State Department holdings of captured German documents for material of strategic intelligence interest. Of approximately 15,000 pages of microfilm data sheets covering the collection representing microfilm of 1,000,000 pages of German Foreign Office documents, about 10,000 have been screened. The percentage of economic and Military-Naval information appears to be low, but the percentage of Psychological Warfare, Political, Biographical, intelligence-Counter intelligence, was found to be high.

b. Army Map Service

Procedures have been established with the Army Map Service for the exchange of USSR publications of mutual interest. Several such documents of interest to FDB were forwarded by AMS for microfilming.

c. Army Library, Department of Army

At the present time, FDB is completing arrangements to assess the 20,000 foreign language books now stored in the Army warehouse.

d. Displaced Person Publications

DP publications are being received regularly from EUCOM. To date, publications in the following languages have been received: Russian, Hungarian, Latvian, Polish, Estonian, Armenian and Ukrainian.

e. Stock Piling of Yugoslav Publications

The IAC agencies concurred in a coordinated plan to "stock pile" Yugoslav documents through Department of State sources. Documents procured under this arrangement will be forwarded to FDB where listings of items received will be prepared for distribution. The IAC-CIA agreement dated 11 August 1948 outlines the agreement on procurement, exploitation, and custody of these documents. Each of the agencies is being notified so that implementing action may be taken.

f. FDB-CIA Library Agreement

As a result of conferences between ORE, CIA Library and FDB, the following arrangements were effected:

1. All ORE initiated requests for foreign language periodicals and newspapers will be channeled to FDB for necessary coordination prior to actual procurement.
2. FDB will ^{receive} ~~handle~~ all foreign language material thus procured. The overall problem of handling all foreign language material (other than purchased material as mentioned above) is pending the approval of recommendations forwarded to AD/OO on 24 November 1948.

g. Blueprints, Profiles-USSR Railways

At the instigation of FDB, the AD/OO forwarded a recommendation to AD/ORE with regard to ORE assessment for intelligence value of blueprints and profiles of USSR railroads now in GMDS of AGO. As yet no affirmative action has been taken.

III. Projects Contemplated or Recommended

a. Discussions with ICAPS - Translation Service

Discussions have been held with representatives of ICAPS concerning an agenda for an IAC ad hoc committee which will consider a centralized translation service. Following these discussions a memorandum was forwarded to ICAPS through the AD/OO outlining FDB's position in relation to the discussions. Affirmative action is still pending.

b. Proposed Publication of Accession Lists by FDB

Contingent upon further discussions with OCD, the FDB proposal to publish an accession publication for foreign language books of intelligence value has as yet to receive final concurrence.



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